## Today's News - February 7, 2007

A call for communities to make sustainability a priority in planning. – LEED seeks pilot projects as it takes on neighborhood development (just in time?). – By linking old technology with new consumer habits, affordable housing developers promote green construction that does just as well as - or better than LEED standards (alas, no certification). – L.A. MTA gets serious about sprawl and TODs. – Rural colleges look to urbanize. – Some surprises in survey of Americans' favorite buildings - is it "an indictment of contemporary architecture"? – An American architect leads design of Technopolis Complex in Korea. – An amusing conversation with Eisenman the "sports nut." – Winter sun's rays deflected into Italian mountain village square - and people stop to chat. – Europan 9, VM+SD, and SMPS: an alphabet soup of calls for entries. – A new anthology documents Modernism in Australia.

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Op-Ed: Incorporating Sustainability Into Community Development: Sustainability must become a primary goal of public policy if we want to ensure the long-term health of communities. By Edward J. Jepson, Jr., Ph.D., AICP-PLANetizen

How Green Is Your Neighborhood? First-ever LEED-Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) rating system for sustainable urban neighborhood development seeks pilot projects...Expressions of interest for participation due April 6- Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

LEED-ing by Example: Green Building Grows Up: Local affordable housing developers cite ways – more helpful than the national "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" standard – for government to promote green construction...old technology coupled with new consumer habits might do just as well, or better.- City Limits (NYC)

It Takes a Transit Village: MTA Chief Trash Talks Sprawl: ...plans to break ground on more than a dozen TODs [transit-oriented developments]...goal of increasing residential density in Los Angeles,- LA Downtown News

Rural Colleges Seek New Edge and Urbanize: A new concept of the college campus is taking root: a small city in the country that is not for only the young.- New York Times

In the Eye of the Beholder: Public, Designers at Odds On What's a Beautiful Building: [AIA] survey of Americans' favorite 150 buildings...Empire State Building was No. 1, the White House No. 2...survey also could be seen as an indictment of contemporary architecture. By Alex Frangos [link to list/images]- Wall Street Journal

Welcome to America's Favorite Architecture...comment and learn more... [images]-American Institute of Architects (AIA)

DeStefano and Partners to Design Technopolis Complex in Pyongtaek, Kyonggi Province, Korea...will encompass technological and eco-friendly, cultural, education and recreational facilities...- Korea Times

Alum Designs NFL Stadium: Gehry never had a chance against the self-proclaimed "sports nut"... – Peter Eisenman; HOK Sport- Cornell Daily Sun

Computer age brings sun to village in shadow of the Alps: ...mirror placed on a mountainside above Viganella has been deflecting the sun's rays into the town square, bringing sunlight, of a sort, in winter. -- Giacomo Bonzani; Emilio Barlocco- International Herald Tribune

Call for entries: Europan 9: European urbanity: sustainable cities and new public spaces; open to European design professionals under 40, cash prizes; registration deadline: May 31- CABE (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, UK)

<u>Call for Entries: VM+SD Retail Renovation Competition; deadline: March 19</u>- Visual Merchandising and Store Design magazine (VM+SD)

<u>Call for entries: SMPS 2007 National Marketing Communications Awards; deadline: April 6- Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS)</u>

Book review: "Modernism and Australia: Documents on Art, Design and Architecture, 1917-1967": A thoroughly modern milieu- The Australian

In Their Own Words: Abu Dhabi Cultural District: How Gehry, Hadid, Nouvel, and Ando envision their cultural venues on Saadiyat Island. [images]- ArchNewsNow

Curtain Up: Billy Wilder Theater at UCLA Hammer Museum: Los Angeles has a new cultural "living room." -- Michael Maltzan Architecture [images]- ArchNewsNow

Ando, Gehry, Hadid, and Nouvel: Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE
SMC Alsop: Palestra, London, UK

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